

Of Dragons and Jedi

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1. Revised Chapter 1: A Rough Landing

"I know R6! We're coming in too hot!" As the light freighter's cockpit began to fill with smoke and a control panel exploded with sparks the lone Jedi began coughing and losing consciousness, the last thing that he thought before blacking out was "First a blind jump from the Empire, now I'm going down on some Force forsaken planet!"

On Berk As the teens landed Astrid looked up and her jaw dropped, everyone followed her gaze and saw a bright light in the sky getting larger and brighter with each passing moment! It was heading straight for the forest outside of the village! Then with a large boom it impacted and sent shockwaves through the ground so powerful that everyone toppled over. Gobber got up and yelled "What was that!?" at which point all the teens were all mounted and flying over to the crash site. "Hiccup!" yelled Stoick uselessly for his son was already out of earshot, then he and Gobber began to run to the impact site.

Impact Crater "What is that?" asked Fishlegs, they were all speechless it was like nothing they had ever seen before "I don't know" said Hiccup, meteors weren't common but this was no meteor, for one it was solid metal, too large to be meteor, and it was colored weird, all red and white striped.

"Maybe it's from Valhalla" suggested Astrid "Hiccup" Stoick finally caught up with the group and breathed heavily, then shouted "What is that!" to which Hiccup said "We don't know dad, we just don't know" everyone jumped as they saw movement through a large sheet of glass on the front of the whatever it was, Toothless

readied a plasma blast and Stoick started to draw his sword but Hiccup yelled out "Someone's trapped in there!" as a grimy, bloody hand showed through the glass almost pleading for help.

Gobber and Stoick both hit the glass with hook and sword. Very much surprised when it didn't break, a plasma blast from Toothless however blasted a hole in it and a man in strange robe-like clothing fell out of the opening. Everyone was so shocked that they did nothing until the man groaned out something about "The dirt tastes nice" at which point Stoick and Gobber picked up the man and they all ran to Gothi, the village healer, before this man—whoever he is, dies from his injuries.

Gothi's House "Oh, what happened?" groaned the strange man three days later and everyone jumped up, startled, as he regained consciousness. Stoick readied his sword and everyone drew back in apprehension as the man opened his eyes, then sat bolt upright and yelled "What! Who! Where—where am I?" and he said loudly "Are you imperials?" and looked around wildly, at which point everyone was confused, though to his credit Hiccup was the first to respond.

"You're on Berk." He said "Who are you? And what are imperials?" The man stared at Hiccup, gauging him with such intensity that Hiccup felt as though his soul was being bored through. Then at an angry growl from Stoick the man averted his gaze. The strange man tried to get up but fell down with a gasp of pain, at this point worry overrode caution and Astrid and Hiccup ran over to the man and helped him into a sitting position on the bed at which point the stranger said "Thank you" and then said warily "My name is Salak Danliev, and I am a Jedi" at no response but confused stares the man thought to himself 'These cannot be imperials, or I would be riddled full of blaster bolts by now' then Fishlegs said "what's a Jedi? And how did you get here?"

The man stared incredulously and responded "I was on the run from three Star Destroyers and made a blind jump into hyperspace, my ship was badly damaged and I—I cannot remember anything after entering your planets gravity well—wait, you don't know what Jedi are?" to which Hiccup replies "wait—planets gravity well, you're not from this planet!? How's that possible!" now everyone was staring at the man, Salak, with caution and fear. Salak was thinking 'They must not have discovered hyperspace yet, which means that the empire has no sway here, thank the Force'.

"My ship, uh—a Ghetroc 720 if I remember correctly, allows me to travel through the void beyond the clouds, as for what Jedi are," he straightened up and looked at them with serious eyes "For a thousand generations the Jedi have been the guardians of peace and justice in the old republic, before the dark times, before the Empire." He almost spat out the last word then asked "Where is my Lightsaber?"

Now everyone was staring at this man, they would have dismissed him as a raving lunatic if he hadn't fallen from the sky. Astrid was now the first to respond "What in Thor's name's a lightsaber? But—oh, your things are over there" she said pointing to a pile on a nearby table, Salak was pleased to see his lightsaber again and reached out his palm towards it, everyone gasped when the small metal cylinder rose through the air and flew to the man.

"What kind of sorcery is this?!" bellowed Stoick pushing Hiccup and the other teens behind him and pointing his sword at Salak who simply said "Not sorcery, The Force" and then clipped the small tube to his belt "Waitâ€¦you probably don't know what the force isâ€¦right?" at which Fishlegs stammered "W-whatâ€¦what is the force" Salak then said "In laymen's terms the force is an energy field created by all living things, it surrounds us, penetrates us, and binds the galaxy together. Some people, known as force sensitives can tap into this energy field and use it to perform extraordinary feats of power, such as levitation, foreseeing the future, and commanding the very forces of nature." "It, like all else, is divided into two parts, the light side, which I and all who adhere to the Jedi path follow, and the dark side, which _they_ follow, the dark side is an awful place of hatred and fearâ€¦"

Salak shuddered "Iâ€¦I'm sorry, where are my manners, I have yet to thank you for saving my life, and to whom do I owe the pleasure of speaking?" he said with a sudden, respectful tone, bowing as much as his injury would allow

"I'm Hiccup Horrendous Haddock the Third" Hiccup said, voice laden with wariness "This is my father Stoick the Vast, Astrid, Ruff, Tuff, Fishlegs, Snotlout, and Gobber" he said pointing to each of them in turn while they all eyed Salak cautiously, who turned to them as a group and bowed again, saying "May I see the remains of my vessel?" before grabbing his outer cloak from the table and putting it on.

_On the way to The Silent Star_â€¦"Why were you running from these Imperials?" asked Stoick tersely "I am a wanted man, all Jedi are after The Jedi Purge" at that everyone stopped in their tracks and turned toward Salak with shock and fear. Stoick pushing himself in front of Hiccup and saying "Why are you wanted! What did you do!?"

Slightly taken aback Salak said "The ruling government of my people was The Republic, but it fell and as its prime defenders we, the Jedi, were labeled as conspirators and dissidents and have all been hunted down and killed, many by those who we once called friendsâ€¦" this left everyone in shock, what kind of place would turn its back on people like that and kill those who they had once called friends?

"I'm sorry Mr. Danliev" said Hiccup, to which Salak sadly replied "Please, call me Salak". Even though they had just met this man they all had a strong feeling in their guts that they couldn't place that told them that he could be trusted.

2. Revised Chapter 2: Stories and Tales

_At The Ship_â€¦"No good! No good!" mumbled Salak as he rummaged through his ship's remains, occasionally grunting and throwing something useful into a small pile outside his ship. "Hyperdrive is down, weapons offline, power core damagedâ€¦This could take months! If ever!" looking over to the shattered data core of R6, he yelled in frustration and climbed out of the wreckage with grease smeared on his face.

He looked over to the meager pile of supplies that he had scavenged

and then to the small group watching him with curiosity and said "Well, fortunately my ship is not beyond repair, but it will take months of work before it is space worthy againâ€¦if ever." He took a deep breath "Luckily I have enough survival supplies to camp out nearbâ€¦", "Wait!" Hiccup interrupted "You have to stay with us in the village, we can't let you camp out here with all the wild dragonsâ€¦"

"Wait" this time Salak interrupting "you have dragons here?" he asked incredulously, at which point Hiccup motioned to the trees and Toothless, Barf and Belch, Stormfly, Meatlug, and Hookfang crept out cautiously. Somewhat to his credit Salak merely jumped and clutched his chest, more than a little shocked.

"Are you okay?" asked a worried Astrid "Yeah, just a little shockedâ€¦where I come from dragons are nothing but a myth, but I really should have seen enough in my time not to be too surprised." He ended with a small laugh and then slowly walked up to Toothless with palms out and Toothless shrinking back and everyone, especially Hiccup, tensing.

Then Salak let calming waves of the Force emanate from him, everyone felt it and he placed his hand on Toothless snout, who then released a small coo. At that everyone released the breath they didn't realize they were holding, and Salak and Hiccup got grins on their faces, "Amazing" said Salak "Master Dralling will neverâ€¦" he ended suddenly and grief flooded from him as his shoulders slumped and everyone drew back from the intense feelings of sadness radiating off the Jedi.

"Who's Master Dralling?" asked Gobber shaking off the intense emotional wave, Salak breathed deeply and said slowly "He was my master, teacher and closest friendâ€¦he was killed along with everyone else I knew during the purge, every Jedi was killedâ€¦I am the only survivor, the last of my kindâ€¦"he simply trailed off staring at the ground.

Everyone was basically in shock, asking themselves what it would be like to lose everyone you knew, and be truly alone? "Iâ€¦I'm so sorry" stuttered a tearful Hiccup, who had known plenty of loss in his life and could relate. "It's alright, I was chosen from among those at the temple to flee with knowledge of the order, so that one day I may rebuild itâ€¦but still, every Jedi I knew, Zara, Yoda, Jocasta, Obi-Wan, Anakin, Mace, Mundi. All of themâ€¦deadâ€¦I saw many of them cut down myself, by those soldiers we had once commanded, and trusted, they betrayed us, and we paid the ultimate priceâ€¦not even the younglings, the children survived"

At that he was interrupted by eight gasps and a few quiet sobs, which prompted him to turn his head and look at the Viking's whose faces showed nothing but horror and grief for this man who had lost everything.

"How could they kill children?" asked Snotlout in disbelief, "They were ordered too, they didn't even think about it, they just did it." Salak simply answered "I'm so sorry for you Mr. Danliev" Astrid said sniffing and imagining how it would feel if everyone on Berk was killed and she was left alone.

Salak guessed what she was feeling and said guiltily "I'm sorry I

forced this upon youâ€¦.I shouldn't have made you feelâ€¦" at that Stoick raised his hand and said "No, you have every right to grieve, and you can stay with us on Berk for as long as you require, you have suffered enough." "Thank you" Salak said quietly with a smile and then added "But it is not like they are gone for good, for they are in here" he pointed to his heart "and as the Jedi code says 'There is no death, there is only the Force'." He added with a slightly bigger smile and walked over to Astrid who was still sniffing a little and knelt down to her level saying "Do not let my past cloud your future, use it as a lesson to treasure each moment and rejoice in those around you." With that Astrid sniffled again, smiled, and ran over and hugged a semi-shocked Hiccup who returned the hug as his shocked expression melted to happiness. Then with everyone smiling Salak gathered his supplies in a pack and they made their way to the village.

_At the village_â€¦Everyone" Stoick yelled, "This man has come from the skies above and beyond, and he will be stayin' with us for some time" and was interrupted by many gasps and some fierce muttering before continuing with "He has suffered greatly, he has lost his entire tribe, and we will do everything to make him feel at home while he is with us" with the end of Stoick's speech people began to nod and Stoick turned to a heavily laden Salak who said "Thank you, I have nothing to give you and you still welcome me with open arms, and for that, again, I thank you" and Salak bowed with respect before Stoick replied "I cannot imagine the pain you must have gone and are going through and you can stay with Hiccup and myself for as long as need be".

Stoick motioned for Hiccup to come over, and for the first time Salak noticed Hiccup's prosthetic leg, "Hiccup, please help Salak get settled in at our house" "Sure dad!" Hiccup said as he motioned for the other teens to come over and said to Stoick "Can my friends help?" to which Stoick laughed heartily and said "Sure" and with that walked off to finish more of his Chiefly duties.

Salak looked at the teens and smiled before saying "Lead the way". On the way across the village Salak's curiosity got the better of him and he asked "Hiccupâ€¦how did you get that" pointing to his prosthesis, at that everyone stopped and looked down sadly and Salak knew he had hit on a touchy subject, then they related the tale of how Hiccup had shot down Toothless weeks ago, been shunned and mocked by everyone, befriended the dragon that he shot down, been disowned by Stoick, and killed the Red Death whilst losing a leg.

Then at the tales conclusion Salak said "You have known much hardship in your life my young friend, but you seem to have weathered your battles exceptionally wellâ€¦you are a true heroâ€¦". Then said "Well, that was truly an account, but it is getting late and even though I'm a Jedi I can still get hungry" at that everyone laughed and they led him to Hiccup's house where he deposited his things in a spare bedroom, and then followed them to the great hall for dinner.

3. Revised Chapter 3: Lightsabers

_At the Great Hall_â€¦So Salak?" asked Hiccup who, along with the rest of the teens, Gobber, Salak, and Stoick were sitting together "I'm kinda wondering what exactly did you do in this Republic, and

you mentioned 'the purge', what exactly was that?" At that Stoick fixed a stare on Hiccup and hissed "Hiccup! You don't have to reopen his wounds!" At which point Hiccup looked down embarrassed and ashamed.

But Salak said through a mouthful of bread "No, it's fine. As a Jedi I was a peacekeeper, a mediator, and especially in my case, a warrior, I led an army of clones" and looking at their confused expressions began to explain to the group of what a clone was, which admittedly was a rather hard concept for them to grasp, but once they had a fair handle on it he continued "We were fighting the separatists, normally I'd let them 'live and let live', but they were under the control of a Sith Lord. An ancient enemy of the Jedi a practitioner of the Dark Side of the Force, and we all knew that they had to be stopped."

Salak continued "As for the purge, near the end of the war our supreme leader, the chancellor of the Republic betrayed us. It turns out he was the Sith lord who orchestrated the entire war so that he could come to power, he issued Order 66 which ordered the execution of all Jedi and turned the proud Republic into a cruel Empire. Does that answers your question?"

As everyone took this in Astrid asked "So, this 'supreme leader' he's the bad guy?" at this Salak grimaced and said "The worst. Chancellor Palpatine" he spat the name "Was once a senator from the peaceful world of Naboo, but was secretly a Sith lord, Darth Sidious, and he orchestrated a war in which untold billions upon billions died, including every other Jedi to my knowledge just so that he could have power. He is a monster of the very highest order."

This shocked everyone, they had never been able to conceive of someone who would kill so many just for power, it was almost unthinkable to them. "Who would kill so many just for power?" asked Gobber, voicing what everyone was thinking, to which Salak replied "A Sith, they are practically Evil in mortal form" But off this dreary subject, do you have any other questions?"

At this point Ruffnut asked "Yeah, what's a lightsaber? We heard you ask about yours earlier" what exactly is it, I mean it looks like a fancy club." At that Salak chuckled and said while unclipping it so everyone could see and examine it "It is the ancient weapon of a Jedi, we build them ourselves during our training, though the body of mine is over a thousand years old, I just put new parts in, it could be compared to a sword, but one with a blade made of pure energy contained in the hilt" I don't want to alarm everyone else so let's go outside and I'll demonstrate."

With that he got up and everyone followed him outside to where the dragons were sitting near the village center. "This is a lightsaber" Salak said unclipping his weapon and igniting it with a snap hiss, at which point everyone could see the brilliant green blade that now surged forth from the tube like hilt he was holding "Awesome!" shouted Ruff, "Yeah, really cool!" said Tuff, then Hiccup asked "what can it do?" reaching forward to touch the blade, but Salak pulled the lightsaber back saying "don't touch the blade, it is hotter than the sun and will cut through anything, metal, rock, and especially flesh." At which point Hiccup jerked back his hand and looked at the handcrafted weapon with a certain amount of reverence, "here let me show you" Salak said before walking to a nearby boulder and cleaving

a deep channel into it, astounding all those present.

"Wow" was all Gobber could say, never having seen anything like it in his life, "How do you learn to fight with it?" asked Astrid to which Salak replied "We are trained from infancy in the ways of the Force, and we spend years perfecting our lightsaber combat skills, I happen to be of the Sentinel class of Jedi, and am also a battlemaster, and was thus the prime choice to rebuild the order, since I know almost all there is to know about lightsaber combat.", "Could you teach us?!" asked Snotlout eagerly "Noâ€|wait".

He reached out a hand toward the group who was now wearing puzzled expressions "Interestingâ€| you see only those who are Force sensitive can be trained with the lightsaber, for example the Force runs strong in my family, my father had it, I have it, and my sister had it. It appears you have that power too"

With that everyone stared at Salak like he had just grown another head and Fishlegs asked quizzically "What do you mean, exactly?" to which Salak replied "I mean that with proper training, which I can provide, I could instruct you in the ways of the Force and teach you to be Jedi, with your help we can rebuild the order" "So you mean that we could be Jedi, and use lightsabers!" asked Astrid with equal amounts of awe and enthusiasm.

"Yes" Salak said, matching her enthusiasm, "if your chief and parents allow me to instruct you, I meanâ€|in the traditional order you would have all been considered far too old for training, but I never put much faith in those old practices, I only follow the code." At that everyone looked at Stoick for his approval "Wellâ€|I don't knowâ€|" said Stoick to which Hiccup almost pleaded "Please dad! I want to do this! And if we can help Salak regain some of what he has lost then shouldn't we at least try?!" that pushed Stoick over the edge and he said "Wellâ€|I suppose that it could be no more dangerous than dragon training, so as long as you will all be safeâ€|then you have my blessing"

At which point Hiccup and all the other teens ran up and hugged a shocked Stoick and then looked to Salak and said "When do we start teacher Salak?" to which Salak replied "Firstly, in my order it is custom to call your teacher 'master' and for him to call his students 'padawans' and secondly" he said with a smile "We start first thing in the morning, I will need a place to train youâ€|"

Gobber then interrupted with "you can use the old dragon ring for your training." And Salak replied "It's settled then, tomorrow morning we get some things from my ship and you will all lead me to this ring after so I can begin your training!" then the teens all ran up to and hugged their new master and he gave them a smile that could melt a Sith's heart and then they all ran to their houses to tell their parents and try to get tomorrow to come as fast as possible.

4. Revised Chapter 4: What He Can Do

The Next morningâ€| All the teens were gathered at the Haddock household and were waiting for Hiccup and Salak to emerge. "I can't believe that last week it was dragon training, and-and this week it's Jedi training!" stammered Fishlegs, excited, Astrid was about to

reply when the door opened and Hiccup and Toothless emerged with Salak following wearing his customary brown outer robe.

"Bright and early young padawans! First we must go to my ship where I have some training devices that I was able to grab from the temple when I fled, and then we will go to this dragon ring and start the training." At that everyone followed Salak to the remains of his ship and he emerged holding three heavy durasteel crates with the force, Snotlout and Hiccup took one while Tuff and Fishlegs took another and Salak carried the third.

_At the Dragon Ring_â€|First, let's see what I've got here." Said Salak opening his crate, to reveal a dozen small Jedi tunics and six outer robes, "Ah, the attire of a Jedi" Salak said handing each teen a set of Jedi clothing and a robe, and whilst they were off putting the new clothing on he opened the remaining crates to reveal; the holocron of Fae Coven, a small case containing a book called _The Jedi Path_, eight of the Jedi temples emergency-backup lightsabers, and a handful of blaster pistols were in the final case along with power packs and other miscellaneous items.

When they all got back they observed each other in the new uniforms and the twins said "We look more identical than normal!" while Astrid said "I like these, they're comfortable" while looking Hiccup up and down in his new attire and them both blushing. "I have good news" Salak said interrupting the conversation and Ruff and Tuffs newest brawl. "I have found several items that will be very helpful in our training, firstly this is a Holocron, or a repository of Jedi knowledge" he said showing the small crystal cube to the group "this particular holocron belonged to a former Jedi Grandmaster, Master Fae Coven. I also found a copy of _The Jedi Path_, which is a basic manual for all Jedi, this particular copy was given to me when I was a padawan, and finally I have eight basic lightsabers. Normally I would have you start out with training lightsabers, but since I have none, and if you promise to be careful and only practice with padded sticks at the beginning you can each choose one." This excited the teens to no end, they were about to get a lightsaber!

"You must not choose based on which looks the best but which _feels_ right to you." Salak said emphasizing the word 'feels' before placing the lightsabers out on a roll of cloth on top of one of the crates as they all stepped forward "Hiccup, the force feels strongest around you so you shall choose firstâ€|reach out with your senses and let the force flow through you to make your decision." Hiccup then closed his eyes as his hand drifted over the saber hilts until he selected a plain steel casing whose only distinguishing mark was a rather ornate, pointed emitter; then before he activated it Salak said "No, wait until you have all chosen before you see the color of your blade, it will tell you something about yourself."

Astrid chose next, finding a saber with a spiraling, fluted hilt. Snotlout chose a sturdy robust model, Fishlegs and elegant wide-emitter version, and the twins finding matching sabers with pointed pommels.

"Very good" Salak said "now on the count of three ignite your sabers. One. Two. Three!" all the teens ignited their sabers at once and Hiccup and Fishlegs found themselves with green sabers, Astrid with a purple blade, Snotlout's was blue, and the twins were both yellow. They all stared in awe at the humming blades and waved them

experimentally, hearing them hum differently as they moved through the air.

"Now, most Jedi choose the color of their blade based upon their field, I chose in accordance with tradition. But most often green blades belong to consulars or negotiators, whilst blue and purple belong to guardians or fighters, and yellow blades belong to sentinels, like myself, who are a mix of the two. From what I have observed I say that you have all made wise decisions. Now you may deactivate your sabers and clip them on your belts and we will start examining the book that I have." Pulling out a battered old book with faded silver lettering spelling out 'The Jedi Path' above a symbol that looked like a circular starburst.

But before he could even open the book Stoick ran into the training ring and yelled "Outcasts are attacking!..."and stopped short at the sight of the teens all in new robes and clutching lit lightsabers, then shaking himself out of his shock and saying "Salak you said you were a warrior, can you fight?" to which Salak replied "I will take them myself, and show you what a Jedi can do" walking out of the arena with everyone following him eagerly.

At the edge of the village Everyone lined the cliff's waiting to fight for their homes, well that was their original intention, now the entire village, including the teens, Stoick, and Gobber watched like paying spectators as Salak walked slowly down the docks toward the outcasts disembarking their ship, Snotlout saying "Oh, this is going to be good!" and watching as Salak yelled "Leave now in peace and never return or I will defend these people!" which shocked most as they were used to simply fighting and not even delivering an ultimatum but the outcasts actually laughed and drew their weapons.

Salak counted ten outcasts and shrugged off his brown outer robe before unclipping his lightsaber with the outcasts almost rolling around laughing, who was this unarmored fool with a fancy club? At least until he ignited the lightsaber at which point much of the village who had not seen last night's demonstration gasped in awe as Salak ran and jumped ten feet before landing among the outcasts and force pushing five off the docks while spinning and disabling two of the outcasts, hamstringing a third, smacking the fourth on the head with his hilt, and watching the fifth faint dead away.

With that Salak deactivated his saber, clipped it to his belt and used the force to lift the outcasts onto their ships, also to push the ship out to sea while yelling "And don't come back!" before walking over to his discarded robe, putting it on, and walking up the docks toward everyone.

Once Salak reached the rest of the village he simply bowed and said "I believe that I have solved your current problem". Everyone was staring, open mouthed, at this man who had single-handedly taken on ten outcasts and not even broken a sweat. Then Sven began to clap and soon the entire village was giving Salak a rousing round of applause, he simply raised his hand and said "I simply did what I was trained to do, protect the innocent and save lives, now if I may I believe that my young padawans and I have some training to do" before motioning to his students, all running to him as he began to walk back towards the dragon ring.

On the way to the Dragon Ringâ€|"How could you jump so high?" asked Fishlegs, still astounded by the fight he had just witnessed, "The Force allows me to do many things, that was a rather simple use of my ability, even pushing their entire ship out to sea barely taxed me, for as Grandmaster Yoda would say 'Size matters not'" saying the last part with a sad chuckle, reminding himself of an old friend, now deadâ€|like the rest.

5. Chapter 5: Training, I have for you

Back at the Dragon Ringâ€|I was originally going to have you all read part of _The Jedi Path_, but with all that excitement book learning seems to be a little bit of a letdown" Salak said "So instead we will practice using the Force to move things, first we all must pick a target, something small, like those ten pound boulders" pointing to a pile of rocks near the old Gronkle pen, and saying "Watch me and try to do the same." He then reached out his hand and made the top rock of the pile rise up and then settle back down, but now about ten feet away. "You may not all get it at first, but even a small wiggle is a sign of success, if you want you can try to combine your power with another if you aren't seeing results." then Hiccup asked "What exactly do we try though, I mean how does it work?" Salak simply nodded thoughtfully and said "You must feel the Forceâ€|no, no, noâ€|try to concentrate on the energy in all living things and stretch out your senses, imagine the rock moving and try as hard as you can to make what you see in your mind become reality, focus." They all nodded and as one reached out for separate rocks, Hiccup, Astrid, and Snotlout's all gave slight wiggles while Fishlegs fell off the stack, and Ruff and Tuff, who had chosen the same rock, actually levitated theirs a few inches before it fell.

They all looked to Salak with expressions of glee that was matched only by the astounded look on his face, and he said "By the Force! I expected that only if all of you combined your efforts you could wiggle a small one, the Force is stronger in you than I ever imagined, it took me half a year to do what you have done in half a minute!" At that the teens all looked at each other with expressions of 'Whoa' and Astrid said "It took you half a year to move a rock?" with Salak replying "Yes, and I was always a fast learner, most younglings take a year or more to manage to levitate anything, I am deeply impressed, deeply, deeply impressed" then Tuff pushed his hand towards Ruff and she fell on her butt, he laughed and Salak scowled yelling "Padawan Tuffnut!" at which point everyone turned seeing his disappointed face as he continued "To Force is to be used for knowledge and defense, never attack!" then raised his hand and lifted Ruff back to her feet while Tuff wore an ashamed expression, seeing his face Salak's scowl softened and he said "I'm sorry, you didn't know better. Butâ€|well now would be a good time to teach you the Jedi code, everyone sit in a circle"

Everyone sat in a circle and Tuff, still looking sad, patted Ruff on the shoulder as if to say 'I'm sorry' and Salak said "Wait for the end of my recitation before asking questions, the Jedi code is the following phrases that all Jedi live by, 'There is no emotion, there is peace. There is no ignorance, there is knowledge. There is no passion, there is serenity. There is no chaos, there is harmony. There is no death, there is the Force', any questions on any of the phrases meanings?" Hiccup was the first to respond and asked "Isn't emotion a good thing?" Salak replied "In my experience yes, but the

code refers to negative emotions, as an old Jedi saying goes 'fear leads to anger, anger leads to hate, and hate leads to suffering' so yes positive emotions are condoned, but you must always keep a lid on your emotions, for uncontrolled emotion is a quick path to the dark side" that is why Jedi were forbidden to marry" "What!" yelled everyone "don't worry, I never believed in that rule and though I never married I would never enforce it on any of you, it was simply meant to stop Jedi from focusing on their lover at the expense of everything else and then fearing for them and, well, having that lead to anger, hate, and not only their suffering but the suffering of others." Ruff asked "Okay, what about that part about Chaos, chaos is fun!" "Yes but chaos can be destructive and cause suffering to others, you must always put others before your own needs, that is the Jedi way." Then Astrid asked "What about 'There is no death, there is only the Force' I mean we all die right?" to that Salak replied "Ah, you have stumbled upon the most controversial phrase in the code, it is often debated by the greatest of the Jedi scholars, but to me it means that after death your spirit lives on and through the Force there truly is no death." "You must learn this code by heart, for it will be your light in the darkest times."

They all recited the code several more times, until they had all gotten it right. At which point Salak said "Alright, now we" when Snotlout interrupted "Master Salak" Can you show us what else you can do, as a demonstration?" to which Salak rubbed his chin thoughtfully and said "I suppose so" before stunning them all with a forty foot backflip, then running up and along the dragon ring's wall and leaping, lifting all the boulders with the Force before sending them careening into another wall, lifting up another large boulder and compacting it until it was twice as dense as before, riddled with stress cracks. Then Salak looked at the dumbfounded faces of his padawans and said "How about that?" Ruff and Tuff began to clap and soon they were all clapping as Salak chuckled and Hiccup said "That was amazing!", then suddenly Salak pulled Hiccup and Astrid forward with the Force while they stumbled as a large beam, that had been weakened by the shaking of the ring, fell right where they had been standing and they looked to Salak with questioning looks of 'how did you know that would fall?'. Salak then said "Sorry, the Force gave me a precognitive sense that you would be in danger if you continued to stand there so I moved you out of harm's way" "Wait! You can see the future?!" said Fishlegs to which Salak replied "to a degree, it is an ability of all Jedi, from slight precognitive ability to full-fledged visions of the future, but remember 'always in motion, the future is' looking into the future is trying to locate a raindrop in a pond, raindrops fall, and will be found, but they are often clouded and you cannot be sure of what you see."

Now they were all more astounded then before, this man could see the future! And they might be able to as well one day!

"Now that we have some basics covered" said Salak "We can start on" well, what do you want to start on?" They all looked at each other and said as one "Lightsaber training!" to which Salak said "Very well, find me seven sticks" "Why?" asked Ruff "You all agreed, that if I gave you a lightsaber you would start off with padded sticks, for lightsabers are very dangerous to novice users, when you have learned control we will train with the sabers, but for the meantime, padded sticks it is." They all felt a little deflated, but could not doubt his logic and returned five minutes later with seven padded sticks, and handed Salak one. "Now there are seven forms

of lightsaber combat, I am good at all of them but specialize in Form IV, Ataru and Form III, Soresu. But first we will start with Form I Shii-Cho, also called The Way of the Sarlacc or the Determination form, it stemmed from when Jedi went from metal sabers to lightsabers, and is the first form that all Jedi learn."

"I want you all to attack me with your sticks and we will see where we go from there." "Wait! You want us to attack you?" asked Ruff "Yes" said Salak "That way I can see what we have to work on." They all nodded and attacked Salak, who within a minute had disarmed all of them and had them lying on the ground groaning as he had barely a scratch. "Well" Salak said using the Force to lift them to their feet "I think that against a battlemaster, you all fared rather well" they all stared incredulously at the man who had just soundly beaten them as Salak continued "If I may I will suggest lightsaber forms that I believe will be suited to you"

"Hiccup and Fishlegs, I believe that you should take up Form VI, or Niman, also called the way of the Rancor or the moderation form, it is the form of the diplomat, and will suit two scholarly young men well, for I do not believe that you will make a career out of straight up combat, and it is said that while you would not be able to defeat a battlemaster, mastering Niman would allow for other studies outside of the combat arena, something I believe that you two would excel at."

"Astrid" Salak said turning to her "I suggest form II Makashi, it is the most elegant form of lightsaber combat, suited for lightsaber on lightsaber dueling, and it is said that no one armed with a lightsaber could defeat a true Makashi master." Astrid's face lit up as Salak said this and he continued "You will make a fine guardian Jedi one day"

"Snotlout, you should practice Djem So, part of Form V, it is suited, again, for lightsaber dueling, but is more focused on pressing the assault and blocking incoming attacks, it is suited to you like a glove is suited to a hand, again you will make a fine guardian one day."

"And finally, Ruff and Tuff, I believe that you should both take up Ataru, which is a form of leaps and bounds that will confuse and befuddle your opponent while giving you unmatched maneuverability, it is a fitting form for two sentinels-in-training."

They all looked happy with what Salak said and before the day was out they had grasped the basic body zones, areas of attack, and had a fairly decent grasp of Shii-cho. "Very good" Salak said "However it is getting late and I think that we should all adjourn to the Mead hall and call it a day" they all looked a little sad but followed their masters suggestion and went to the mead hall.

At the mead hall Salak was the guest of honor tonight, seeing as how he defeated the outcasts single-handedly, and everyone was having a good time while the padawans gave an account of their day to Stoick and Gobber, with many "Ooh's!" and "Aahh's!" from the pair through the telling, at whose conclusion Stoick said to Salak "Well, I hope that all our young ones here will one day be able to defend Berk like you did today!" to which Salak replied "With training, they can do more than that, for they are some of the most talented that I have seen in a long time, they have quite a future as Jedi." All the teens

smiled at the kind words from their master and went over to tell their parents about the day's events before turning in for the night.

6. Chapter 6: Training Remote and Visions

The next day began with the teens converging on the Dragon arena and Astrid saying "Where's master Salak?" "Yeah" replies Hiccup "He's wait, there he is!" pointing to the entrance to the arena where Salak was carrying another crate while saying "Today we start work on deflecting blasterfire" "What's blasterfire?" said Hiccup "Blaster's are the galaxy's most prevalent weapons, think rapid fire crossbow that shoots miniature lightsaber beams" "I have a training remote that shoots stun blasts, and we will be using our lightsabers today." At those words they were all excited, they were going to use their sabers finally! Salak then stunned them all by removing a TH-7 training remote that began to hover and float around, fascinating them, "What's that?" asked Hiccup in awe, "A simple droid droids are artificial intelligence, created by people but are completely mechanical, though they can think and react just like us, this droid is programmed to shoot us and we must deflect the shots it fires, I will demonstrate." Salak then ignited his saber and the droid began to fire stun blasts at Salak which he easily deflected until the droid had fired ten shots, then it stopped firing and simply hovered in the air.

"What happens if we get hit?" asked Astrid "Wherever you get hit will go numb for a few minutes" replied Salak "Now you try, I only have one remote so Astrid will go first" Astrid then ignited her saber and was able to deflect two shots before getting hit in her left hand and hissing from the pain, Hiccup tensed, but Salak stopped him with a hand as Astrid deflected three more shots, before charging the remote after being struck again.

Salak used the Force to pull her saber from her, deactivating it and saying "Astrid! Anger leads to the dark side, do not let it cloud your judgment, that is the way of the Sith." She nodded taking in a heavy breath and releasing her anger as Salak walked over and returned her lightsaber, "Hiccup, you're next"

Hiccup walked forward and ignited his blade and was able to deflect for shots until he was hit, then getting hit again, but blocking all remaining shots.

The others fared similarly well and as Fishlegs deflected his final shot Salak said "Impressive, for your first time with a lightsaber you are doing remarkably well, you all have more experience with weapons than many your age, but still the Force is strong in you"

"Now we shall examine _The Jedi Path_" Salak said, looking toward the entrance to the arena, as though expecting Stoick to come charging in again. He flipped through several pages, mumbling to himself until he finally said "Ah." And came to a stop saying "Alright, now everyone sit in a circle and I will read this information to you." They all sat down and crowded around to look at the manual, Salak felt breathing on the back of his neck and abruptly turned around to find Toothless and Stormfly looming over him squinting at the book with a curiosity that he easily felt. "Well, it looks as though we have two

more learners today" Salak said with a chuckle and motioned for the teens to make room for the dragons to sit with them, Toothless looking comical as he tried to sit cross legged like everyone else, who just laughed.

"The Force" Salak began reading "is not only divided into darkness and light, I'm paraphrasing here, but also into the Living Force and the Unifying Force, the living force is raw and close at hand, it is the tingling that you feel at the back of your mind when you pass near living objects, for they create the force, it is the life energy of all things, though you can also sense death through the force, when many die at once the sudden change in energy can stun you, even knock you out. The Unifying Force is different, it is the stars and galaxies" looking at their confused expressions he said "galaxies are large masses of billions of stars, but as I am saying it is the very fabric of space and time, you may not sense it yet but with patience and insight you will eventually. For one feeds the other, the energy of the living force becomes the cosmic force as we die, and the cosmic force becomes the living force when we are born, all are interconnected."

"Next is a warning on the dark side, this warning is even more important for all of you than previous generations of Jedi, with the fact that the Empire has risen and the Sith are triumphant, it is more likely than ever before that we will eventually be found by the Empire." For a second all Salak could feel from his padawans was sheer panic, but he then said "that is why I am here, so that if we are found we will survive, for their greatest weapon is now ours" surprise. We did not know they existed, now the tables are turned, they believe me and all Jedi to be dead, so if found we will have surprise on our side. Though if found it will most likely be by the inquisitors, a small group of dark force users in service to the Sith, they are meant to find and kill the last of the Jedi."

"If you see one they will be in dark clothing, have yellow eyes, and carry red lightsabers. For only the Sith and their disciples carry red lightsabers." Salak shuddered at some distant memory and continued "be mindful of the living Force, it will warn you if they are around, for with the force you can tell if someone is dark or not, you can even tell if someone is lying."

"Now" Salak said getting up "we will do what many Jedi spent many days doing, something that was always disliked by their ever eager padawans" "What's that?" asked Hiccup, "meditating" answered Salak who walked over to a crate crossed his legs and closed his eyes, everyone could almost feel the calm radiating out of him as he centered himself in the force, becoming one with the light and releasing himself into the oneness of being.

They all looked at each other and shrugged, before crossing their legs closing their eyes and trying to calm themselves.

Three hours passed before Salak opened his eyes, saying "Well, I feel more relaxed." As all of his padawans opened their eyes he walked forward helping each of them up. "Did anyone experience anything?" most shook their heads no, but Hiccup and Astrid looked at each other and Hiccup said "We saw something, I think." Salak raised an eyebrow and said "We?" as all attention turned to them, "yeah, we kinda connected and we both were in a sea of mist then we heard a voice saying 'time it is not, for you to make yourselves known. Someday,

find help you will and together, the galaxy, at peace you will help bring it.'" Salak started and said "Yodaâ€|you contacted master Yoda, he trained my master and was the grandmaster of the Jedi high council when the Order 66 occurred, either you contacted his spirit orâ€|or maybe he is still alive."

Snapping out of his reverie Salak said "well, that is very good. Now we shall go and ask Stoick and Gobber if we can help with anything, for the Jedi way is to serve others."

At the great hallâ€| Stoick" Salak called "Oh, Salak what brings ye here?" asked Gobber as he and Stoick walked over toward the Jedi and teens, "We are looking for work to do, to help out, for it is the Jedi way." While Stoick as thinking Salak suddenly grabbed his head in agony and all the teens looked in similar discomfort, Fishlegs actually falling to his knees "Salak! Hiccup!" Stoick shouted seeing their obvious pain, a few moments later Salak removed his hands from his head and Ruff asked "What was that?" to which Salak answered "You all felt that?" they all nodded "I assume you all just felt pain, but I felt as though millions of people screamed in terror and then were suddenly silenced, I feel as though something terrible has happened" they were all shaken by what had just happened and Hiccup asked "you think a lot of people just died?" "Yes" answered Salak, "This worries meâ€|perhaps we should all take the rest of the day off, yes we will go and play with the dragons, perhaps you can all teach me something about themâ€|" Salak said this distantly as though his mind were elsewhere, but they all followed his suggestion and left the great hall leaving a worried Stoick and Gobber behind.

7. Chapter 7: Blasters

After the vision incident Salak and the teens took the rest of the day off, and by the next morning were back to normal.

At the Dragon Ringâ€|Today you will learn a new skill." Said Salak "What isâ€|" Hiccup was interrupted by Stoick and Gobber running into the arena out of breath. "Dad! Is something wrong?" asked Hiccup worriedly, "Salak, sorry were lateâ€|Gobber was fixing his tooth andâ€|" "Not to worry my friend" Salak said to Stoick "I have asked Gobber and Stoick to come here today to train with us, for this is not a force sensitive skill, it can be amplified with the force, but is not reliant on it. Today we will learn to shoot blasters."

"What in Thor's names a blaster?" Gobber exclaimed, "As I told the padawans yesterday, a blaster is comparable to a rapid fire crossbow that fires miniature lightsaber beams." Salak said walking over to a crate, "For today you will all, Stoick and Gobber included, gain a new weapon."

As Salak said this he could feel their excitement level rise through the Force and Snotlout yelled "Yes! More weapons!" while Ruff and Tuff slam their heads into each other. Salak walked over to each of them and handed them all a small crossbow-minus-the-bow looking device and a black rectangular object, as he handed out the last set to Gobber Hiccup asked "What's this?" and Salak replied "A light blaster pistol, I have a heavy version" pulling out a similar, if slightly larger, version from a holster at his waist "now many Jedi frown on the use of blaster's, calling them 'uncivilized' but they have saved my hide on more than one occasion, so I see no reason not

to teach all of you how to use them."

"Now firstly you must learn how to load themâ€¦not like that Snotlout!" Salak said watching as Snotlout tried to fit the power pack down the barrel. "The blaster is made of two parts, the pistol itself and the power pack, now this is how you load the power pack" Salak said as he pushed the power pack into the grip of his pistol, with everyone doing the same after watching closely to how he did it, Gobber had a little trouble, seeing as he has only one arm, but once they were all loaded and loaded Salak said "Alright, now this is even easier to use than a crossbow, you simply point" Salak pointed at the far wall "and fire" Salak pressed the trigger and a brilliant red bolt of light streaked from the barrel and left a black scorch mark on the wall, "like that."

Stoick then asked "Do we have to load it again after each shot?" "No" said Salak "The power pack holds enough energy for fifty shots, so you canâ€¦" he pointed at the far wall and fired five times in rapid succession, startling everyone. "Wow" said Astrid in awe, then Ruff and Tuff both pointed their blasters and began firing at the wall leaving twelve scorch marks before Ruff saying "Thisâ€¦isâ€¦Awesome!" and Tuff replying "Yeah, Way better than Zippleback gas!" Hearing this Barf and Belch raised their heads nearby and growled.

"Now my weapon does not have a stun setting, but yours do." Salak said "Hiccup toss me yours" and hiccup threw his blaster to Salak who adjusted a small switch on his blaster and then said "now it's set to stun" he looked at a nearby Terrible Terror and shot it with a blue circle of light and the terror fell to the ground stunned. "That should last approximately half an hour" Salak added absentmindedly before re-setting the weapon and tossing it back to Hiccup. "Now remember that these shots, well everything but stun, is lethal, one good shot would fell even a grown man if hit in the right place, so be careful." They all nodded. "Good, now let's practiceâ€¦oh, wait a moment" Salak ran over to the side of the ring and returned with a longer barreled, larger version and then said "This is a Blaster rifle, it has far greater range and accuracy than its pistol counterpart, and as thanks for letting me stay here, Stoick" Salak tossed the rifle to Stoick "this is yours, I would give one to Gobber, but it is really a two handed weapon" "Why thank you Salak" Stoick replied whilst admiring the weapon. "Now let's train"

They spent the next several hours training with the blasters, and were surprisingly crack shots, and Salak finished the day by giving them each five power packs for the blasters, except Stoick, who received ten.

(A/N) Thank you all for your continued support, any suggestions are more than welcome! For I have several future chapters written, I just need more to connect them! Please Review!

To Individual Reviewers:

~CaptainRex141: Sorry but the timeline won't allow...He's already dead by now. Let you all puzzle over that! :)

8. Chapter 8: Datapads and Hyperdrives

A few days and one dragon academy later everyone was gathered in the

center of the newly christened academy as Salak was finishing a lecture on the finer points of keeping a lightsaber maintained "and that is how you stop the modulation circuit from developing a flux overload between the resonating crystal and the focusing crystal, got it?"

Astrid and Hiccup were paying rapt attention, Astrid slightly less so, while Fishlegs ferociously wrote everything down in a notebook, Snotlout was asleep next to Ruff and Tuff who were out like a light.

"Now today I "Wake UP!" Salak shouted abruptly waking Snotlout and the twins "Now as I was saying. Today I have a special surprise, we will be viewing the holocron that I showed you on the first day of training. Just let me check something"

Salak pulled out what looked like a black roofing shingle and began tapping it, puzzling the trainees. "Uh, Salak" said Snotlout, "Yes" answered Salak not looking up from what he was doing, "What are you doing with that uh, roofing shingle?" this jarred Salak, who looked up suddenly and laughed at his padawans perplexed faces. "This is not a roofing shingle" another laugh "This is a datapad, we use these instead of notebooks and books where I come from, here come see." He motioned them over and they saw that it was indeed not a roofing shingle, but a slim black box with a piece of glass on the front illuminated with several colored squares and writing in a foreign language.

Salak continued to tap on the glass which, miraculously, began to shift and change colors. "How are you doing that?" asked Fishlegs, awe in his voice, Salak said "Technology, this datapad can store the equivalent of sixty thousand books and dozens of programs" programs are, well, like um" Salak paused and rubbed his chin unsure of how to continue, but Hiccup interrupted "Wait, sixty thousand books!" his, and the others, shock readily apparent. "Yeah, and this is an older model" said Salak, waving the device around, then suddenly got an idea "I've got an idea! Fishlegs go get me a book." Fishlegs nodded and ran over to his satchel, returning moments later with his favorite book on botany.

Salak grabbed the book and opened it up to exclaim "Ah, just as I suspected. You use a different writing system than me, but fortunately I loaded a translator program onto my datapad" it is a device, that lets me translate your writing into my own, and vice versa, give me a second, this won't harm the book" Salak then proceeded to place his datapad over the book and press several shapes on the glass, everyone jumped when a light began to move over the book, but as Salak promised, no harm seemed to come to the book. Then the light shut off and Salak pressed several more times on the datapad, then waited a moment while it flashed. "Okay, um let's all sit down" They all sat down and Salak said "Now that your language is loaded I can change my datapad so that you can read it." He pressed the glass several more times "Here, take a look"

They all looked over and were stunned when they found that everything that had been in the foreign language was now perfectly readable, something written on the glass about "Hyperdrive Malfunctions"

"Um, Salak?" asked Tuffnut "Yeah?" "What's a Hyperdrive malfunction?" "Hyperdrives are, well um, do you all know what dimensions are?"

Seeing their confused faces Salak said "I'll take that as a no"
"Dimensions are best described as other realms, like your Valhalla, places that are under ordinary circumstances impossible to reach no matter how far you go."

They all nodded and Salak continued "Hyperdrives allow us access to another dimension called Hyperspace, it allows for us to travel between planets in minutes, and parsecs in days, hell it only takes two to three weeks to travel the entire galaxy through hyperspace, using the other kind of propulsion ships have, sublight engines, it would take millions of yearsâ€¦so hyperspace is basically a shortcut."

Hiccup then asked "How's one malfunction?" to which Salak replied "Hyperdrives are very advanced pieces of machinery, and even one tiny miscalculation would leave you in the heart of a star, crashing into an asteroid, or worst of all in the middle of a black hole, I'll go over what black holes are another time, long storyâ€¦"

"My Hyperdrive is brokenâ€¦it was smashed when I crashed on Berk, but with the information on my datapad" Salak waved the device again "I might be able to fix it"

"So you'll leave us?!" asked Astrid angrily, "No, but this way we have the option of leaving if the Empire finds us, you all know I'd never leave you guys!" Salak almost sounded insulted as Astrid calmed down.

"You know" Salak began, "Instead of using the Holocron, we'll go to my ship and I'll give you the grand tour, including a look at a broken Hyperdrive. If you're up for it of course?"

"Yeah" yelled the Twins and Fishlegs shouted "Field Trip!"

Salak proceeded to take the riders through his ship, showing them the cockpit, the (thankfully) broken laser cannons (The twins wanted to use them), the cargo hold, passenger cabins, and finally they arrived at the engine room.

"This is the engine room, where both the sublights and the Hyperdrive is" Everyone was in awe they had never seen so much advanced machinery in their lives, so Salak pointed things out, slapped away probing hands, answered questions, and did his best to explain the workings of his ship, especially to Hiccup and Fishlegs.

Eventually Salak looked at his datapad and was shocked that the chrono said "Twenty:Thirty" so Salak packed up the tour and had to explain to all the parents, including Stoick, where they had been all afternoon.

I have a surprise! I already have the next chapter written so its a two-for-one day!

9. Chapter 9: All Past's Come Haunting

Salak was watching over the group at Hiccup's House, the whole village had a coldâ€¦well the whole village but Salak and the gang, the force protected all Jedi from disease, and it made them virtually immune to colds. So here he was, under Stoick's orders to make sure

that no one went off and did anything crazy while nobody was around to help.

"I'm bored!" says Tuff, "Yeah, me too!" adds Ruff. Salak looks around and notices that everyone is looking at him as if for an answer to their boredom. Salak lets out a sigh and says "Wellâ€¦normally I'd have us train, but if anyone got hurt we'd have no one to go to, seeing as everyone's out of action, so we couldâ€¦.I don't know, maybeâ€¦" Salak rubbed his chin several times then snapped and pointed his finger in the air saying "I know, you might think that you're too old for it, but I could tell you a story"

"Like a bedtime story?" asked Snotlout, distaste evident in his voice "Is that what you want?" asks Astrid with a sly grin as Snotlout goes red and begins sputtering "Noâ€¦Iâ€¦". Salak raises his hand and, chuckling, says "No, more like one of my adventures from the Clone Wars, back when the Jedi were over a ten thousand strong." A pang of sadness flitted through his eyes and Astrid said "Like a war story? That'd be awesome!" the twins nodded and everyone looked to Salak with rapt attention, "Okay, just let me grab somethingâ€¦it will help set the mood." Salak walked over to his things, as he was still staying with Stoick and Hiccup, and muttered while digging through his pack until he said "Ah ha!" and pulled out a small brass ring with three curved arms before walking back over to the group.

"This is a holoprojector" Salak began "It stores images, like paintingsâ€¦but better, they are three-dimensionalâ€¦like statues, and this holoprojector has a lot of images from the Clone Wars." Everyone stared at the object wondering how it worked as Salak continued, saying "First I'll show you a sample image, I've got a few on my datapad so I'll link them up." Salak pulled out his datapad and grabbed a small nub that when pulled was attached to a cord, and Salak put the nub into a small hollow on the holoprojector before typing several times on his datapad and saying "This is an image of the Jedi temple, where I grew upâ€¦well technically I grew up in an outpost temple on Corellia, but I moved to the main temple at the age of twelve andâ€¦well, that's not important, all you need to know is that this is the main Jedi temple."

Salak pressed a key on his datapad and a blue image of a grand, magnificent structure flickered into view, hovering over the holoprojector, everyone's reaction was not really what he had expectedâ€¦

"Ghost!" screamed the twins in unison, Snotlout and Fishlegs fell over backward trying to get away, while Astrid and Hiccup both activated and swung their lightsabers through the hologramâ€¦nearly taking off Salak's hands in the process.

"Whoa!" said Salak and everyone froze "It's just a hologramâ€¦orâ€¦uh, â€¦uh, light picture!" Hiccup and Astrid sheepishly put away their sabers, feeling a little foolish, while Fishlegs and Snotlout sit up, feeling more than a little foolish themselves, and the twins then realize that they are hugging and quickly push each other away. Then they all gathered around the image and stared at it as it rotated around.

"Majestic" comments Hiccup, then Fishlegs asks "How big was it?" and Salak answers "It wasâ€¦well, hmmâ€¦" trying to figure out how to get across the enormity of the structure, then a light goes off in his

head and he says "I've got a picture of Stormfly on my datapad, I'll zoom in and show you her in comparison" Salak types on his datapad and the hologram zooms in to show a small corner section of the temple and then a tiny, and I mean TINY Stormfly appears next to the temple, everyone's jaw near hits the floor and Salak says "The temple is about as big or slightly smaller than the island of Berk, and I mean island, not village"

"Well, now for the story" Salak says and they all turn back to him with rapt attention "This was about two years ago, near the beginning of the Clone Wars, my master, Cin Dralling, and I were sent to Boz Pity, along with the one hundred and twelfth legion, to reclaim it from the Separatists", then Ruffnut interrupted with "What's Boz Pity, is that an island or something?"

Salak chuckles and says "No, Boz Pity is a planet in the galactic Mid Rim, it's called 'The Graveyard World', but during the Clone Wars it was used as a Separatist base to launch attacks on the Republic's borderâ€|but back to the story, we had just landed on the surface, about eighty clicksâ€|I mean kilometers, west of the primary separatist stronghold" Salak pulls up an image of an imposing, fortress-like, structure.

"My master was to lead the main assault while a squad of ARC Troopers, basically very elite Clone Troopers, and I were to enter here" Salak points at a small recess in the outer wall of the fortress "and capture the Separatist leader Wat Tambor, as usual things didn't go as planned and we had only just gotten inside the outer walls when a trio of Destroyer Droids" Salak pulls up a new image, of a tri-legged metal beast with two arms and no head, surrounded by a glowing ball, earning a few gasps and whispers from the riders "came charging at us, or more specifically rolling at us, we opened fire and destroyed two before they got their energy shields up, those shields deflect both blaster bolts and lightsaber blades, and I was able to slide under the third's energy shield and slice it in two."

"But by that point all secrecy was gone and we had tons of B1 and B2 battle droids coming in on the north side" Salak again pulled up images, this time of first skeletal, than stocky metal beasts "So our lead ARC Trooper told me to take two troopers and capture Wat Tambor while he held off the droids. I was going to argue with him, but I sensed that he was right, so I grabbed two clones and we ran off to the main citadel."

"We used grappling hooks to scale the outer walls and soon got inside, we had to fight at least fifty droids off before we got to the command room, where Wat Tambor was cowering behind a pair of Magnaguards" Salak pulls up an image of skeletal metal beasts with long staffs crackling with energy "The magnaguards are horrible, fast, agile, and their staffs can deflect lightsaber blades, so I ran forward and force pushed one out the window, and then the other one attacked me, it took some finesse but I was able to cut the droid in half, and by then the troopers had arrested Wat Tambor and sent a surrender signal to the droids. That is how the republic won the first battle of Boz Pity"

As Salak finished Hiccup noticed a lone tear roll down Salak's cheek and said "You okay Salak?" Salak wiped away the tear and said "Yeahâ€|it's just hard to talk about my master and the other Jedi,

since their all gone" he sighed but then regained his composure and said "Well, you must all have some good stories for me, you know, from before I came"

Everyone looked down sadly and Astrid said "Well, not really _good_ stories, we all well" she stopped before glancing at Hiccup who was staring intently at the floor "We basically made Hiccup's life miserable, from about the age of five we just tormented him and made him feel useless and worthless, I still don't know what was wrong with us." Astrid said the last part almost as an apology to Hiccup. Everyone then realized that Salak was still silent, and looked up suddenly to see his face.

Salak didn't look angry, more disappointed and after a few moments he said quietly "That's not right, no one deserves that, I just hope that you have and continue to make up for your mistakes. Hiccup? Do you have anything you want to add?"

Everyone looked at Hiccup who still had his head bowed as he mumbled something "What?" asked Salak and at this point Hiccup raised his head and everyone saw the few tears in his eyes and he said "The night that I shot Toothless down, you all laughed at me and I almost killed myself" At this everyone gasped while Salak's eyes went wide and Astrid cried a little as she rushed over to hug Hiccup, who accepted and returned the hug as she said "I'm so, so sorry" everyone else began stammering apologies until Hiccup said "Well, at least I didn'tâ€¦ you know" offering a weak smile.

"As Jedi" Salak began, shifting their focus over to him once again "we don't travel down the path of 'what if's for we only lose ourselves along the way, but stillâ€¦I'm glad you're here" offering a small smile.

By this time in the day it had gotten late and Salak soon suggested that they all turn in for the night, and before he fell asleep Hiccup said "I'm glad I'm here too".

****Next Time: "In Dragons We Trust"****

10. Chapter 10: In Dragons we Trust

Salak was in Haddock household around dinnertime and had went over to see Hiccup and Stoick as Stoick plunked down a piece of wood in front of Hiccup and Hiccup said "Shingle again? Didn't we have roofing material for dinner last night?" and Stoick growled

"It was an accident, Dad. I'm sure Mildew's making it sound worse than it is." To which Stoick replied "A dragon and a huge, obnoxious boy crashed through his roof... twice!" Salak watched Hiccup with amusement as the latter stammered "Well, sure, it sounds bad if you're gonna... stick to the facts."

Salak decided to aid n his padawans predicament and said "Accidents happenâ€¦reminds me of Raxus Prime, 3546 ATC, I accidentally detonated three starfighters while loading proton torpedoesâ€¦twiceâ€¦in one week."

"See! Even a Jedi master makes mistakes!" but Stoick continued unabated "Of all the houses on the island, a dragon had to crash

through Mildew's! You know he hates dragons more than anyone else!"
"I know...You might wanna talk to him about his attitude."

Stoick signed and said "Listen to me, Hiccup. I gave you the responsibility of training those dragons. Everyone knows that! All eyes are upon you son. Whatever those beasts do reflects on you. And whatever you do reflects on me." Salak whistled and said "Pressureâ€|"

Both Haddock's threw him a look and he said "Rightâ€|", then Hiccup says "I'm sorry, Dad. You're right." Stoick then said "You and your friends are gonna go back to Mildew's and fix that roof. Without your dragons!"

"You got a break there bud.", "Ah! Not so fast! Aren't you forgetting something? It's boot night! They need to be aired out." Handing Hiccup his boots, Salak gagged at the noxious odor.

"Salak!" Hiccup gasped "What about you." Looking at his Jedi boots, Salak said "I'm good, these air themselves out." And with that Hiccup walked outside.

The next morning Salak awoke to a clamor coming from the dragon arena, gathering his robe he strolled down to where Mildew was ranting about the great Zippleback boot heist.

"This is outrageous!" a random Viking yelled, Salak walked in and shouted "What's the matter!" Mildew looked at him and decided to cause some mischief saying "Look the witch-man still has his boots! I bet he told the dragon to make off with 'em!"

As a few angry glares fell Salak's way he sighed and said "Firstly, I told you not to call me that. Secondly, I had nothing to do with this, I went to sleep before Stoick. And thirdly, I didn't put my boots out last night, they air themselves out through usage, so look elsewhere for a culprit!" counting off his points on his fingers.

Gobber then intervened and said he would repair the boots as the crowd settled down, Hiccup proposed starting a dragon monitoring brigade, and Salak approached the kids as everyone else left and said "There goes one angry old gitâ€|"

The next morning Salak was again blamed, partially, for the destruction of the great hall, and then was near the forge when it erupted into flames and was almost chased out of town by an angry mob!

The kids found Salak by the wreck of his ship, trying to get some plassteel out of the hold. He turned at the sound of movement and ignited his saber, only deactivating it when he saw who it was "We just dropped our dragons off at dragon islandâ€|" Hiccup said sorrowfully

"I'd love to help you get them back, but I fear a pelting with stones if I return yet." "Mildew" Hiccup seethed, "I know it's hard but you'll get them back in time, I can feel it."

He next day Hiccup came to Salak with Astrid and the visual confirmation of proof that Mildew was behind everything, Salak said

"Son of aâ€¦!" but by the time they got to his shack the evidence was gone.

So another way would have to be devised for getting the dragons back and clearing Salak's nameâ€¦

11. Author's Note II

Author's Note II-

I have decided to rewrite the first chapters of this story, **before you freak out** let me tell you how I will do it, and why. I have realized that the writing is, at least for me, amateurish and clunky. But I will post each new chapter before it replaces the old, so you can tell me whether it is better or not. I am also deleting A/N 1, and Gone- A taste of things to come. If no one responds to this Chapter (Author's Note II) I will assume that you are all cool with it, please share your thoughts, I DO take them into consideration!

Thank you,

Sealiman Dawntracker

P.S. It is easier rewrite than to write, so this will take only about a month or two, depending on my schedule, then all new chapters!

12. Authors Note III

A note for all my readers, I have not forgotten this story! I have hit a wall, and I will try to get another chapter up by Christmas. Rebels and the Dark Lords will come in 2016, and for a little teaser I'm going to give you a little look ahead in my thought process for "Of Dragons and Jedi"

I'm going through choice episodes in order for Riders/Defenders of Berk, then I will do a short (5-7 chapters) detour to Frozen*, same universe additional crossover, that will end. Then with two new characters we will go to a HTTYD/Star Wars/Star Wars Rebels crossover that will persist intermittently for the rest of the story, through Race to the edge and into and after HTTYD 2.

*This will be an adaptation of the story "Frozen Viking", which I have permission to alter.

13. Chapter 11: Alvin and the Outcasts

Salak had meant to meet with his apprentices at around 011-hundred the next morning, but spent three hours trying to get the inertial stabilizers on his ship fixed so that the subroutines would let the ramp go down, in the end he got it and the ramp screeched into place.

Salak trotted down to the beach where the kids told him they'd be searching and found Hiccup deflating as Snotlout apparently had found the one thing he wasn't looking for. So Salak told them to trust

their instinct and help him get the Force-forsaken plasteel out of his ships hold.

Hiccup and Astrid took a walk back to the village for lunch and came rushing back several minutes later yelling about an Outcast ship in Berkian waters, everyone immediately looked at Salak who quickly said "Let's tell your dad!" and they rushed off.

The Great Hall "This is no time to panic! That's what the Outcasts are counting on!" shouted Stoick. Salak lurked at the back of the hall, still feeling a little unwelcome. Sven then came running in and shouted that he had seen thirty armed outcasts heading this way, Gobber replied "Without my weapons we'll never be able to fight them head on!"

"No Weapons!" shouted Mildew "And Outcasts on our shores! All thanks to your boy, his dragons and this warlock!" Salak sighed and walked over saying "Big talk for such a little man" Salak seemed to have said some magic words for the Vikings suddenly quieted and looked at the tension building between Salak and Mildew. They stared at each other for long seconds until Mildew broke the contest, defeated he hobbled off mumbling.

Salak went with the war-party, as he was the greatest of them warrior-wise and they laid a trap. Soon Salak was leading five outcasts up to a cliff face, then even before Stoick could run out and whack someone Salak used a lazy looking wave to throw four outcasts into the Cliffside. The fifth, with a growing stain on his pants, turned and ran right into Stoick's fist.

"Got em'" Salak said crossing his arms, they then went off looking for the other outcasts, they found Fishlegs instead and he told them that Alvin was looking for Hiccup. Something that caused Stoick no shortage of heart palpitations so they ran off once again toward the other outcasts and found them guarding the rest of the captive Berkians. So as Stoick detailed a plan Salak leapt onto the ground below. With several short, swift movements he thrust outcast after outcast into the rock. The final one charged him and got punched in his face so hard his ancestors could feel it.

Stoick walked down and stood on one's chest saying "Where's Alvin?!" the outcast spit in response and Stoick raised his fist but Astrid cut in yelling "They took Hiccup!"

"What!" shouted Stoick, "He gave himself up, they're on their way to Dragon Island!" continued Astrid.

On the way to Dragon Island "When we get there, we'll lay down covering fire with these catapults, Astrid you and the others get your dragons. Salak, kick butt" Stoick said as he detailed the plan.

"No" said Snotlout, "Save your cover fire for the others, sir. I can handle myself" accidentally launching a catapult, and almost Salak, into the sea. "I'll fire extra rounds to cover that one" said Gobber

Then the Twins walked over and Tuffnut said "We'd like to personally volunteer to kick Alvin's butt!" Stoick sighed and said "This isn't about Alvin, it's about Hiccup, we're here to bring him home_And

that's Salak's job!"

Approaching Outcast ship "The dragon riders are almost here, I can feel them" said Salak pulling out a blaster rifle. He watches Hiccup and Toothless take off then crossbow bolts get fired at Hiccup

.Hiccup had just taken off and was watching as three Outcast quarrels get fired at him, he closes his eyes three seconds he looks down, and the quarrels are suspended in midair, like the Outcast's jaws. Looking over he see's Salak's arm outstretched, then he releases the quarrels and, robbed of their momentum, they fall into the ocean

"That was close" says Salak, and begins to lay down covering fire with his Blaster rifle. The ships soon ram in a cloud of smoke and Salak leaps over to rescue Astrid, he runs toward Alvin and clocks him, then uses the Force to throw Astrid into Toothless's waiting paws, turns around and in front of Alvin, Force blasts the other two outcasts off the ship.

Salak waves with one hand while dropping a beeping metal sphere with the other and force leaping back onto the Berkian ship, "Go!" he yells, and the ship quickly backs away, Salak cutting the outcast anchor embedded in the ship with his lightsaber. Then at fifty meters the thermal detonator explodes, and the ship goes up like Coruscant fireworks as Hiccup lands on deck.

"Hiccup, what were you thinking?" asks Stoick, "I was thinking... all I needed to do was to get to Toothless. And together, we'd be able to make things right." Says Hiccup, who then looks at Salak and the latter nods.

Back on Dragon Island Alvin drags himself out of the waves and says to the other outcasts in a giddy, evil voice "They ride dragons! And have a magic man! We get that boy, and _we'll_ ride dragons! Then get their magic man!"

Berk _As they get off the ship to cheers Mildew says "What are you cheering about? Don't you remember what these beasts have done?!", before Stoick can reply Salak Force pushes Mildew of the docks and into the bay, then calmly walks up toward town.

****Merry Christmas! New Chapter...Snoggletog!****

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